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MAN'S FIRST DUTY TO HIS COUNTRY, SAYS JUDGE M'ILVAINE

Lectures Delinquent Grand Jurors on Duty They Owe to Court

SERVICE BEFORE BUSINESS

Evasion of jury duty, particularly the grand jury, Judge J. A. McIlvaine let it be known on Tuesday, would not be tolerated by the Washington county court, and that those failing to answer a summons to serve as jurors were guilty of contempt of court and liable to a fine of $100. "Any excuse," said the judge, "should be offered in court and not by letter."

The remarks of Judge McIlvaine were occasioned by the fact that when the grand jury was called Monday, of the 24 men summoned, only ten answered. The court had directed the Sheriff to bring into court Tuesday morning those who were delinquent. Five additional jurors were secured Tuesday afternoon. Those who were delinquent were called before court and asked to explain.

Judge McIlvaine stated that the duty of every citizen was primarily to his country, and that to be called for jury duty was the same as being called into service of war. He said he knew that these were busy times and that it might be inconvenient for some men to come, but in case of war men were drafted into service and were often required to sacrifice their lives for their country. "When a man evades jury duty simply because he is too busy to be present," said the court, "he is setting his business over against that of his country." Further the court said: "You are drafted or this service, as you are drafted for war, and one must not shirk this duty by running away."

The Judge further explained that the law required that at least twelve grand jurors be present, as that many must vote in the affirmative for a true bill, and that to have just that number might work an injustice. The law also fixed the limit as to the number of grand jurors, which is 23. In this court, it was stated, 24 were summoned and Judge McIlvaine said that only once since he has been on the bench has the full 24 appeared, and in that case one was excused, so that the jury might be a legal jury. If there were 24, he said, there might be a tie on voting to find a true bill.

Six of the delinquent jurors it was found were out of the county, while a number of others asked to be excused, but the court could not grant the request, and they will have to serve.

Notice I. O. O. F.

All Odd Fellows are requested to be present at a meeting to be held Thursday night at 7:30 of all the lodges of Eastern Washington County District. Each lodge of this district will be represented by a delegation.

By Order of Noble Grand,
E. G. Shipley. 57t2*

PRETTY WEDDING AT M. E. PARSONAGE

A very pretty wedding occurred at the M. E. parsonage, on Tuesday, when Monta H. Redd and Elizabeth M. Edwards, both of Charleroi, were married by the pastor, Rev F. H. Greenlee. The bride wore a gown of blue silk and carried a bouquet of roses. The ring ceremony was used. Mr. and Mrs. Redd left on the 1 o'clock train for Detroit and will spend their honeymoon in the region of the Great Lakes. When they return they will reside in the Maple creek section.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT; GOES TO THE PEN

Word has been received by officers in Charleroi that John Leppert, a former well known local resident, had been convicted in Lorain, Ohio, for burglary and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Leppert was arrested by the police while in the act of burglarizing a house, according to the information received here. He was being taken to the police station when he made his escape by throwing pepper into the eyes of the officers. However the driver of the patrol gave chase and arrested Leppert before he got away. After being placed in the police station Leppert managed to saw himself out, but his partner gave the officers a tip that the prisoner was on his way to Pennsylvania. A telegram was sent to the State Police and Leppert was arrested at Beaver Falls. He was taken to Ohio tried in court and sentenced to a term in the pen.

Leppert was arrested in Charleroi for running a gambling house at Eight street, and later instituted a criminal suit against two well known men in town. Leppert was under bond for his appearance at court, when he jumped his bail. Nothing more was heard of him until word was received this week that he had been arrested and convicted of burglary in the Ohio city.

SECURING DATA ON OUR LOCAL AFFAIRS

W. P. Parker of the Department of Internal Affairs, was a visitor with Borough Clerk Ira L. Nickeson this morning, securing certain data concerning our local government. Mr. Parker is attached to the Bureau of Municipalities, established by Act of Assembly in 1919, and which is now collecting data throughout the state concerning borough governments. It is the purpose of the department, when all of these reports are available, to prepare a bill for the more uniform government of all boroughs in the state, and which will be presented to the next session of the legislature for action.

B. C. Sloan and son Samuel of Cartersville, Georgia, are visiting with Tom P. Sloan and family at Lock Four.

Old Families Plan For Reunion at Oakland Park

The quinquennial reunion of two hundred families is scheduled to be held Saturday September 4, at Oakland Park. Preparations are being made by a large committee for a big community outing. Congressman H. W. Temple has been invited and is expected to attend and make an appropriate address. Other speakers will also take part.

The organization under whose auspices the reunion will be held was effected five years ago to perpetuate the good feeling and social amenities existing among the many families. The ancestors of them were patentees and early settlers of this locality. Many members of the families have responded and given their services and lives to many of the churches and the welfare of state and society. Among them are found preachers and missionaries, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of Veterans and members of the American Legion.

The officers are: John S. Rodgers president; Miss Nan Cooper, secretary; Frederick Cooper, treasurer. The executive committee consists of the officers of the several family organizations: Charles O. Frye president; John F. Frye, vice president, and Mrs. John VanVorhis, secretary of the Frye family organization; Mary Wickham, honorary president, John Simpson president; Mrs. Ella Grant, honorary, and Dr. Lila Grant, secretary of the Wickersham-Simpson-Grant families; Cornelius Carson president; John S. Rodgers, secretary; Mrs. David Duvall corresponding secretary and Henry Scott, treasurer of the Scott-Carson family organization. Walter Chalfant, president; Miss Price Frye secretary of the Chalfant family organization; I. E. Worrell, president; Miss Gladys Riggs, secretary of the Riggs-Hazelbaker organization; Dr. Robert Sphar, president; Miss Lucy Sphar, secretary and Mrs. Sarah E. Rodgers corresponding secretary of the Sphar family organization.

HOLD HEARING ON TOWNSHIP DIVISION

Grant E. Hess, R. J. McCleary and A. R. McClurg, commissioners appointed by the court of quarter sessions to hear testimony and report on the petition to divide West Bethlehem township into two townships, met on Tuesday at Scenery Hill. The commissioners opened the hearing at 10 o'clock and an all day session was held, the testimony of many witnesses being heard. At the conclusion of the session they adjourned to meet August 31 at Marianna, when the hearing will be completed.

The movement to divide the township grew out of the fight over the location of the township high school which was originally located at Scenery Hill, and later moved to Marianna. At a subsequent election it was decided to move the school back to Scenery Hill, but this action was later rescinded and the present plan is to continue the school at Marianna. It is proposed to make two townships using the boundary lines of the two present voting precincts as the boundary lines of the townships, if new ones are created.

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Notice Boy Scouts

Meeting Aug. 11 at 7:30 p. m. in High School Gymnasium.
By order of Scoutmaster.

PERMANENT MARKS FOR LINCOLN HIGHWAY

Lincoln Highway will be permanently marked this summer if four men comprising the official road marking crew have anything to say about it. Work was started July 1st, as as result of theco-operation of the Autocar company through the interests of its president, a founder of the association. The Autocar company provided two 2-ton trucks for carrying the crews, poles and signs. Two young men from the University of Michigan have been engaged to do the work, while two additional drivers were supplied by the association.

The markers are all steel, 10 by 21 inches in size and carry the nationally red, white and blue with left and right turns indicated with hands. They are now being placed on an average of two to a mile. The expense of marking p ermanently some 1500 miles of through highway is an enduring way is about $26,000. The entire work from the Atlantic to Omaha will be completed before October.

Notice, Home Guards

The Home Guards picnic will be held on the church lawn tomorrow at 10:20 instead of going to the woods. Mothers urged to attend.
Mrs. Walter Byerly.
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RULES AGAINST SMALL OPERATORS

No Cars to Be Delivered to Wagon Mines That Have No Sidings

HEARING TO BE HELD LATER

Wagon mine operators lost the opening round with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission. However, this is only the beginning of the battle, the outcome of which will determine whether the railroads must deliver cars to operators who have no private sidings and who load coal by means of wagons and trucks.

Delivery of open top cars by the Pennsylvania Railroad to mines lacking private tracks and loading devices was forbidden Tuesday night, for the present, by the Public Service Commission following a spirited hearing during the day. Orders have been issued for wagon loading operators to file answers in ten days and be prepared to prosecute a case before the commission.

The ruling is a victory for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the two big coal operttors' associations of the Pittsburg and Central Pennsylvania fields, which contended that service of cars to mining operators who had to haul coal to sidings and load from wagons delayed cars and was at the bottom of the car shortage and consequent serious fuel situation.

The formal order to be issued today, rescinds the action of the commission a number of months ago in setting aside its order of 1916 restricting car service to wagon loading mines.

It will call for answers which will enable the question to be finally determined early in the fall. As the matter now stands the matter of car distribution will be on a basis of output, the Interstate Commerce Commission plan having been adopted temporarily.

Wagon mine operators between Elizabeth and Brownsville will hold a meeting at the office of D. M. McCloskey this evening and this formal ruling of the Public Service Commission will likely be the chief topic of discussion. Arrangements for a hearing with the Public Service Commission will also likely be made, while preliminary steps may also be taken to begin suits against the railroads for damages.

OLD MONIER BUILDING SOLD ON TUESDAY

Fred B. Braly of the Union Realty Company, on Tuesday, sold the John Monier building at the corner of Fallowfield avenue and Fourth street to Bessie L. Wilson, for $21,000, the sale being made for Mr. Monier. The building was erected by John Monier twenty-seven years ago, and for a number of years was used as a hotel, until the new building across the street was erected. The property is in good shape and was purchased as an investment.

VISITED BATTLE-FIELDS IN FRANCE

The Mail is in receipt of a postal card from Louis Goaziou, now in France, where he is visiting with relatives and at the same time looking after the interests of an organization of which he is a member. In the note on the postal Mr. Goaziou says that "the horrors of the battlefields have to be seen to be realized. I have visited the region of Soissons, Reims, Chauteau Thierry and Belleau Wood, where Old Glory floats above thousands of dead heroes. The crops are splendid, although most of the workers seen in the fields are women, children and old men. Quite cold in Paris this week."

LACK OF MATERIALS DEFERS ROAD COMPLETION

The remaining stretch of the Donora-Monongahela road, about two hundred yards in length, is held up because of the lack of some necessary materials. Had the contractor the required supplies on hand all of the concrete work would have been completed before this, but as it is he is compelled to be idle while waiting arrival of certain essentials. In the meantime Donora citizens are exceedingly anxious for the completion of the highway.

Advertise your wants in the Classified Column of the Mail.

Mrs. George Morris.

Mrs. Maud Williams Morris, wife of George Morris, died at the family home, Allenport, Tuesday, August 10, from diphtheria, aged 25 years. Funeral private on Friday. Mrs. Morris was a former resident of Charleroi.

Aulden Elmer Giordaueugo.

Aulden Elmer Giordaueugo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew L. Giordaueugo, died at the home of his parents 1202 Meadow avenue, Monday night, August 9 at 10:50 o'clock from pneumonia, aged 2 years 6 months. Interment in Charleroi cemetery.

Michael Bolok.

Michael Bolok died at his home, 1204 Meadow Avenue, Monday, August 9, aged 70 years. Funeral Thursday from the Russian Orthodox church, interment in Charleroi cemetery.

C. H. Wernke.

C. H. Wernke died at his home, Eighth street and McKean avenue, Friday, August 6th. Funeral services were held on Monday from the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. T. Wirth, McKeesport, interment in Versailles cemetery. Mr. Wernke was aged 62 years and immediately prior to his death was employed in the compensation department of the Pittsburgh Steel company. He is survived by his widow, and four daughters, Mrs. George Clark and Miss Teresita Wernke of Charleroi and Mrs. C. T. Wirth and Mrs. Ross L. Leffler of McKeesport.

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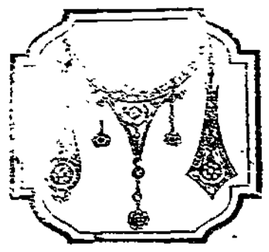

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